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I don't believe that the current proposal provides adequate reparations to those injured by Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior. Hundreds, even thousands, of small companies have ceased to exist over the decades because of Microsoft's business practices.

Even after being found guilty of being an illegal monopoly, Microsoft's behavior has not changed. Regulation of their behavior, with the threat of severe criminal penalties for failure to comply, is the only remedy that I can see will curtail them. The market must be able to return to a state of competition.

Allowing one large company to control the internet and software made available to the masses will mean that development will be in the direction of what is good for that one company. With a diverse market, many more needs will be met and new ideas will abound.

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